

As an intern in Congressman Boyd's Washington, DC office you will get a well-rounded immersion into the daily goings-on in a typical Congressional office. If you're looking for a way to get your political feet wet, this is it.

We are looking for self-motivated, highly communicative individuals who are able to perform at a fast-paced level, and possess strong computer and writing skills. You will often be asked to serve as the contact between the Congressman and his constituents. People with skills are a must, as you will be consulting with constituents, professional staff and the general public.

Whereas many offices have a set routine for all incoming interns to follow, we prefer to designate responsibilities based on a person's strengths and past experience. We feel that the more motivated a person is, the more we will both benefit from their time in our office. We avoid relegating our interns to glorified receptionists (although answering the phone and answering mail is part of all of our daily tasks as Congressional staff). Instead, we try to match our interns up with a Legislative Assistant who handles particular issues that interest the intern. In doing so, the intern can receive a hands-on learning experience in the subject fields that interest him or her most.

What can a Congressional intern draw from their experience on the Hill? First of all, seeing the legislative process in action is nothing like reading about it in a book, or watching CSPAN. There is no substitute for learning the ends and outs of Congress up close and personal. Networking is another advantage to working on the Hill. Today's interns are tomorrow's leaders. Most current Congressional staffers began their careers as interns. The friends you make during your internship can benefit you later in your professional life. Interning provides you with a foot in the door, so to speak. With the fast-paced, highly evolving nature of Congressional staff, young, motivated men and women can quickly move up the ranks and establish themselves on the Hill. If you plan on establishing a career in the political world, an internship is a great place to start.